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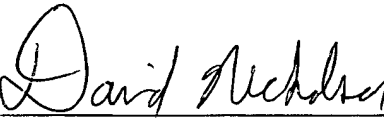
REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action, dated September 21, 2004, which rejects claims 1-14 and 19-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103. This paper also follows the Examiner's Interview which was conducted on October 26, 2004. The undersigned discussed with Examiner Davis and Primary Examiner Nori the prior art and in particular whether there was any motivation to combine the references. The Examiners determined that there was no motivation to combine, and therefore withdrew the rejection. However, the undersigned agreed to slightly modify the claim set to address concerns of the Examiners. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the claims be amended as set forth above.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the Rejection be withdrawn and that a Notice of Allowance be issued.

Respectfully Submitted,
The United States of America, as represented by the
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Summary of Examiners Interview